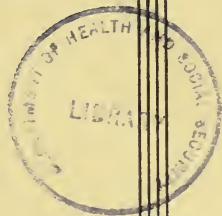


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# **BOROUGH OF BEXHILL**

## **HEALTH COMMITTEE**

(at 31st December, 1967)

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Miss S. A. French, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., H.V.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH  
OF BEXHILL

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for 1967.

The statistics reveal that the health of the Borough compares favourably with the rest of England and Wales.

The figures show a slight rise in the number of births, 250 as against 245 in 1966, giving a corrected birth rate of 12.37. Deaths showed a slight decrease, 642 as compared with 655 in the previous year. The population of 32,350 shows an increase of 440.

In an area such as this with a preponderance of elderly people over retirement age, the problems of providing Meals on Wheels, and Home Helps are continually before us. It is intended in the coming year to examine in detail the arrangements which exist at present for the cooking and distribution of Meals on Wheels. The object of the exercise will be to see what steps can be taken in the future to streamline the service and expand it as far as possible within the present limitations imposed by scarcity of funds, inadequate premises, and an ever-present shortage of the right kind of recruit.

I should like to convey my thanks to Mr. C. E. Lockley, Chief Public Health Inspector, and the Public Health Inspectors, for their loyal support and co-operation, and also to the Clerical Staff, for their assistance during the year.

In conclusion, I would also like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their support, and my fellow Chief Officers, for their help and co-operation during the year.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. K. BUTTERFIELD,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

Public Health Department,

Town Hall,

Bexhill-on-Sea,

Sussex.

(Tel.: Bexhill 6321).

## STATISTICS RELATING TO BEXHILL BOROUGH DURING 1967

Area of district in acres .. .. .	8,015
Population (Registrar General's estimate for mid-year) ..	32,350

### Analyses of Rateable Value

*as at 1st April, 1967*

	<i>No. of Properties</i>	<i>Rateable Value</i>	<i>%</i>
Domestic properties .. .. .	12,526	£1,388,266	78.18
Commercial properties .. .. .	1,796	215,021	12.10
Industrial properties .. .. .	7	54,863	3.08
Other properties.. .. .	384	118,032	6.64
	<hr/> 14,713	<hr/> £1,776,182	<hr/> 100.00

Sum represented by a penny rate .. .. .	£7,150
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	1965	1966	1967
Number of rateable properties as at 1st April .. .. .	13,701	14,045	14,713

### VITAL STATISTICS

Birth rate (corrected) per 1,000 population .. .. .	15.0	13.4	12.37
Death rate (corrected) per 1,000 population .. .. .	8.9	9.44	9.73
(England and Wales).. .. .	11.5	11.7	11.2
Infant mortality rate.. .. .	21.6	20.4	20.8

<i>Live Births</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate .. .. .	124	101	225
Illegitimate .. .. .	13	12	25
Total live births .. .. .	<hr/> 137	<hr/> 113	<hr/> 250
Live birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated population (crude)			7.73
Live birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated population (corrected) .. .. .			12.37
Illegitimate live births per cent. of total live births ..			11.5



<i>Still Births</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate .. .. .	—	I	I
Illegitimate .. .. .	I	—	I
Total still births .. .. .	I	I	2
Still birth rate per 1,000 (live and still births)	..	..	7.93
	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total live and still births .. ..	138	114	252

### Infant Deaths and Death Rates

Deaths of infants under 1 week (perinatal) (excluding still births) .. .. .	5
Deaths of infants under 1 week per 1,000 live and still births .. .. .	20.0
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks (neonatal) .. ..	5
Death rate of infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 live births .. .. .	20.0
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age .. .. .	7
Death rate of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births .. .. .	28.0
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births ..	—

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>All Deaths</b> .. .. .	260	382	642
Death rate per 1,000 population (crude)	..	..	19.85
Death rate per 1,000 population (corrected)	..	..	9.73
(England and Wales) .. .. .	..	..	11.2



## DETAILED CAUSES OF DEATH

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 1 Year	1- 14	15- 24	25- 34	35- 44	45- 54	55- 64	65 and over
Syphilitic disease	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	7	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	4
	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	11
	F	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4
Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	19	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	14
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	32	—	—	—	—	2	3	5	22
	F	45	—	—	—	1	1	3	9	31
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Diabetes	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vascular lesions of ner- vous system	M	47	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	44
	F	99	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	96
Coronary disease, angina	M	75	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	64
	F	85	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	83
Hypertension with heart disease	M	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Other heart disease	M	18	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	16
	F	36	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	31
Other circulatory disease	M	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
	F	20	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	17
Influenza	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia	M	13	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	10
	F	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
Bronchitis	M	11	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	10
	F	9	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	8
Other diseases of re- spiratory system	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	4	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Congenital malforma- tions	M	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other defined and ill- defined diseases	M	14	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	11
	F	26	3	—	—	—	—	1	8	14
Motor vehicle accidents	M	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other accidents	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
Suicide	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	3	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	260	3	—	1	2	3	6	33	212
	F	382	4	1	1	2	2	9	34	329

### MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH

	1965	1966	1967
(i) Diseases of the heart and circulatory system ... (Coronary disease)... ..	85 144	95 155	89 160
(ii) Malignant neoplasms (cancer) ... .. (Cancer of the lung and bronchus) ... ..	87 30	100 29	110 25
(iii) Vascular lesions of the nervous system ...	132	130	146
(iv) Respiratory disease (excluding tuberculosis) ...	77	58	50

### DEATHS FROM SPECIFIC CAUSES AND RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION

	No. of Deaths	Per 1,000 pop.
Tuberculosis (respiratory) ... ..	—	—
Bronchitis... ..	20	0.1
Pneumonia (excluding pneumonia of newly born) ... ..	27	0.8
Coronary and arteriosclerotic heart disease	160	4.9
Cancer of the lung, trachea and bronchus	25	0.8
Cancer, all forms ... ..	135	4.2
Motor vehicle accidents ... ..	2	0.6
All other accidents ... ..	4	0.12

### DEATHS—65 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER

	1965	1966	1967
Total deaths ... ..	622	655	642
Number of deaths 65 years and over ... ..	536	556	541
Percentage of total deaths (over 65) ... ..	86.17	84.9	84.2

## DEATHS FROM CANCER, ENGLAND AND WALES

Cancer all forms			1965	1966	1967
Males	..	..	57,464	59,571	59,621
Females	..	..	48,874	49,581	50,444

## LUNG CANCER DEATHS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

			1965	1966	1967
Males	..	..	22,231	22,610	23,546
Females	..	..	4,168	4,415	4,704
			<hr/> 26,399	<hr/> 27,025	<hr/> 28,250

**Bronchitis** was responsible for 27,809 deaths.

## MOTOR VEHICLE DEATHS

<i>England and Wales</i>			<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
1965	..	..	5,298	2,217	7,519
1966	..	..	5,293	2,161	7,454
1967	..	..	4,932	2,228	7,160

## SUMMARY OF POPULATION, BIRTHS AND DEATHS WITH RATES, 1957-67

Year	Esti- mated popu- lation	Total live births			Corr- ected Birth rate	Birth rate Eng. & W.	Total deaths			Corr- ected death rate	Death rate Eng. & W.	Natu- ral de- crease
		M	F	Total			M	F	Total			
1957	26,340	112	118	230	11.2	16.1	203	262	465	10.3	11.5	.235
1958	26,490	151	143	294	14.3	16.4	235	304	539	11.9	11.7	.245
1959	26,610	139	126	265	11.7	16.5	225	294	519	11.1	11.6	.254
1960	27,120	127	114	241	11.3	17.1	232	307	539	11.4	11.5	.298
1961	29,330	141	128	269	11.3	17.4	237	348	585	13.9	12.0	.316
1962	30,680	141	130	271	11.4	18.1	272	344	616	13.9	11.9	.345
1963	30,860	145	127	272	13.8	18.2	314	351	665	10.5	12.2	.393
1964	31,300	133	130	263	13.1	18.4	268	323	591	9.2	11.3	.328
1965	31,500	147	125	272	15.0	18.1	276	346	622	8.9	11.5	.350
1966	31,910	122	123	245	13.4	17.7	294	361	655	9.4	11.7	.410
1967	32,350	137	113	250	12.3	17.2	260	382	642	9.7	11.2	.392

The corrected Birth and Death Rates pay due regard to the increased proportion of aged retired persons within the Borough, as compared with England and Wales, and this is reflected in the increased number of deaths and the comparatively low number of births.

The requisite correction is achieved by using a comparability factor which is provided annually by the Registrar General.

## TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary Cases			Non-Pulmonary Cases			Total Cases (all forms)		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1. No. on Register at 1st January, 1967 ...	72	63	135	3	4	7	75	67	142
2. Cases previously removed and re-notified in 1967 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Primary notifications received in 1967 ...	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
4. Cases moved into area as transfers in 1967...	2	5	7	—	1	1	2	6	8
Totals ...	74	70	144	3	5	8	77	75	152
5. Cases removed from Register in 1967 ...	11	2	13	—	—	—	11	2	13
6. No. on Register at 31st December, 1967 ...	63	68	131	3	5	8	66	73	139

## NEW CASES NOTIFIED GIVING AGE GROUPS

Primary Notifications				
Age	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
20-24	—	1	—	—
65-74	—	1	—	—

## CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under 1 year	1-2 years	3-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-24 years	25 and over	Totals
Measles ...	5	26	29	56	18	12	2	148
Scarlet fever...	—	1	3	9	1	—	—	14
Whooping cough ...	—	—	—	3	5	9	—	17
Puerperal pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Ac. pneumonia ...	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
Ac. encephalitis ...	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Pul. tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
Totals ...	5	27	33	71	24	22	4	186

## SEASONABLE INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	First Quarter Jan., Feb., Mar.	Second Quarter Apr., May, June	Third Quarter July, Aug., Sept.	Fourth Quarter Oct., Nov., Dec.	Totals
Measles .. ..	55	10	3	80	148
Scarlet fever ...	4	1	3	6	14
Whooping cough	—	16	1	—	17
Puerperal pyrexia	—	—	—	1	1
Ac. pneumonia ..	—	—	2	—	2
Ac. Encephalitis	2	—	—	—	2
Pul. tuberculosis	1	—	—	1	2
Totals ..	62	27	9	88	186

**COMPARATIVE STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1962-1967**  
**1st January-31st December**

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Diphtheria ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ... ..	9	545	82	339	101	148
Scarlet fever ... ..	17	10	5	58	14	14
Meningococcal infection ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute pneumonia ... ..	4	2	—	—	1	2
Erysipelas ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal pyrexia ... ..	1	3	1	1	—	1
Dysentery (Sonne) ... ..	20	—	—	—	7	—
Food poisoning ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute encephalitis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	2
Leptospirosis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia neonatorum ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—

**PERIOD OF EXCLUSION IN CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES**  
**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

	Usual Incubation period (days)	Interval between onset and appearance of rash (days)	Period of exclusion	
			<i>Patients</i>	<i>Contacts</i> , i.e. the other members of the family or household living together as a family, that is, in one tenement.
SCARLET FEVER AND STREPTOCOCCAL SORE THROAT	1-7	1-2	Exclude from school for 7 days after discharge from hospital or home isolation. Not allowed back if discharge from the nose or ear, sore throat or septic spots be present.	Adult contacts engaged in school meals service excluded until Medical Officer of Health allows return to work. Other contacts, if healthy, need not be excluded.



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS—*continued*

	Usual Incubation period (days)	Interval between onset and appearance of rash (days)	Period of exclusion	
			<i>Patients</i>	<i>Contacts</i> , i.e. the other members of the family or household living together as a family, that is, in one tenement.
DIPHTHERIA	2-5	—	Until pronounced by a medical practitioner to be free from infection.	At least 7 days. Return to school should not be permitted until bacteriological examination has proved negative.
MEASLES	7-14	3-4	10 days after the appearance of the rash if the child appears well.	Children under 5 years of age who have not had the disease should be excluded for 14 days from the date of the appearance of the rash in the last case in the house. Other contacts can attend school. Any contact suffering from a cough, cold, chill or red eyes should be immediately excluded.
GERMAN MEASLES	5-21	0-2	7 days from the appearance of the rash.	None.
WHOOPING COUGH	6-18	—	28 days from the beginning of the characteristic cough.	Children under 7 years who have not had the disease should be excluded for 21 days from the date of onset of the disease in the last case in the house.
MUMPS	12-28	—	7 days from the subsidence of the swelling.	None.
CHICKEN POX	11-21	0-2	7 days from the date of appearance of the rash.	None.
INFLUENZA AND THE COMMON COLD	1-2	—	Exclude immediately for 7 days or until recovery is complete.	None.

RINGWORM OF THE BODY (including ATHLETE'S FOOT)

If the infected area can be kept covered the patient need not be excluded. He should not, however, take part in swimming—nor in the case of ringworm of the feet—in gymnastic classes or barefoot dancing.

## VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

(Figures from the Local Health Authority's Records)

### SMALLPOX VACCINATION

	1966		1967	
	Primary	Revaccination	Primary	Revaccination
Under 1 year ... ..	13	—	21	—
1 year ... ..	128	1	139	—
2-4 years ... ..	49	3	33	4
5-15 years ... ..	15	113	5	43
	205	117	198	47

### PROTECTIVE INNOCULATIONS—PERSONS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE IN 1967

	Completed Primary Course	Completed Re-inforcing Course
Diphtheria ... ..	293	781
Whooping Cough ...	271	327
Tetanus ... ..	321	755



## MILK SUPPLY

### REGISTRATIONS

The accompanying table gives details of the regulations effected and the licences issued.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

#### MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1960

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955—REGISTRATIONS

No. of Registered Dairies .. .. .	2
No. of Registered Distributors .. .. .	56

#### MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1960—LICENCES:

The issue of Licences to sell Pasteurised, Sterilised and Tuberculin-Tested milk is the responsibility of the East Sussex County Council.

The following licences were issued by that Authority

Dealer's Licence authorising the use of the Special Designation "Sterilised" .. .. .	10
Dealer's Licence authorising the use of the Special Designation "Pasteurised" .. .. .	56
Dealer's Licence authorising the use of the Special Designation "Untreated Milk" .. .. .	6

(All sources in the county are "Tuberculin Tested" and the designation "Untreated" is in effect raw Tuberculin Tested Milk).

### Pasteurised Milk

During the year there was one pasteurising plant operating within the Borough and three sources of supply of milk were treated at plants outside the Borough.

### Food Hygiene

#### FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960

Number of Food Premises in the Area

Type:

Butchers .. .. .	19
Grocers .. .. .	41
Greengrocers .. .. .	26
Sweets & Ice Cream .. .. .	63
Licensed Premises .. .. .	21
Fishmongers .. .. .	4
Fish Friers .. .. .	3
Cafes .. .. .	34
Bread and Confectionery .. .. .	20
Hotels and Guest Houses .. .. .	50

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281

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#### NUMBER OF FOOD PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

For the manufacture and sale of Sausages or Potted, Pickled or

Preserved Food .. .. .	22
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For the manufacture and/or sale of ice cream .. .. .	81
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## WATER SUPPLY

The supply of water to the Borough is now the responsibility of the Eastbourne Waterworks Company.

This Company utilises three sources for supplying Bexhill Borough with an adequate water supply, and their fluoride content is given below:

<i>Station</i>						<i>Fluoride as F. p.p.m.</i>
Hazard's Green, Ninfield	..	..	..	..	..	0.1
Sweet Willow Wood, Ninfield	..	..	..	..	..	0.1
Cowbeech, Hailsham	..	..	..	..	..	0.1

These supplies fall below the optimum level of 1 part (Fluoride) per million which is advised by leading authorities as being necessary to prevent the decay of teeth in the young child.

None of the water supplied is plumbo solvent.

All supplies are treated in settling tanks and filters, and chlorinated as part of the treatment process or as a terminal precautionary dose. Water going into supply does not contain less than 0.15 p.p.m. chlorine.

All bacteriological and chemical samples taken during the year indicated that the supply was of the highest standard and conformed to the requirements of a public supply.

## ANALYSES

Source: Cowbeech Pumping Station

### Physical

Taste: Nil

Odour: Faintly Chlorinous

Colour (Hazen): Nil

Turbidity (FE): Nil

Conductivity: 310.0 Rec. Megohms

Total Solids (dried at 180° C.): 134.0

Suspended Solids: Nil

pH: 7.7

Temperature °C.:

**Chemical**

Alkalinity (as Ca Co <sub>3</sub> ): 96.0 mg./l.	Fluoride: 0.16 mg./l.
Total Hardness (as Ca Co <sub>3</sub> ): 132.0 mg./l.	Chlorine (Free): 0.05 mg./l.
N.C.H. (as Ca Co <sub>3</sub> ): 36.0 mg./l.	Chlorine (Total): 0.1 mg./l.
Ammonia (Free and Saline): Nil	Copper: Nil
Ammonia (Albumonoid): 0.003 mg./l.	Zinc: Trace
Nitrate (as N.): 0.06 mg./l.	Lead: Nil
Nitrate (as N.): Nil	Iron: Nil
Free Carbon Dioxide 3.5 mg./l.	Manganese: Nil
Dissolved Oxygen: 10.45 mg./l.	Aluminium: 0.02 mg./l.
Oxygen Absorbed (4 hrs. at 27° C.): 0.24 mg./l.	Calcium: 92.0 mg./l.
Detergents: 0.06 mg./l.	Potassium: 2.6 mg./l.
Chloride: 40.0 mg./l.	Sodium: 30.0 mg./l.
	Silica: 5.5 mg./l.

**BIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION**

This water is bright and clear in appearance and slightly hard in character, the hardness being mainly temporary.

Analysis indicates a water of excellent chemical purity suitable for public supply.

**HOUSING**

General details with regard to inspection of dwelling houses are submitted in the following tabular form :—

**1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year**

(i) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	809
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose... ..	1,839
(ii) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925, and 1932 ... ..	2
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose... ..	4
(iii) Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..	25

## 2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... ..	27
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## 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year

### (a) Proceedings under Section 4 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—

(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	0
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners ... ..	1
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	0

### (b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :—

(i) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	8
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners ... ..	4
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	0

### (c) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—

(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	0
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ..	1

### (d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—

(i) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ..	2
(ii) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ..	0

### IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

- (a) Discretionary Grants are given at the discretion of the local council, whereby up to half the estimated cost of a wide range of improvements may be paid, subject to a maximum grant of £500. Additionally, available for the conversion of houses into flats.
- (b) Standard Grants enable house owners and certain lease holders to obtain, as a right, half the cost, up to a maximum grant of £155, and in exceptional circumstances up to £350, of providing five basic amenities—a bath, or shower in a bathroom, a wash-hand basin, a water closet, a hot water supply and a food store.

These are excellent measures with twofold virtues, conserving existing housing in the Borough with raising of housing standards by the provision of essential amenities.

Both Discretionary and Standard Grants are available to landlords and owner/occupiers. An explanatory leaflet is available at the Council offices free of charge.

### Differential Rent Scheme

The Council has operated a Differential Rent Scheme since April, 1963, based on need in individual circumstances.

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

### (A) PROVIDED BY THE EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

#### (i) (a) *Ambulance Service*

As from the 1st April, the ambulance stations operated by the St. John Ambulance Brigade on an agency basis passed to the County Council's control and administration.

#### (b) *Hospital car service*

This service is provided by the joint organisations of the British Red Cross Society and the St. John Ambulance Brigade. The Area Transport Office for this district is at 73a London Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, 9 a.m. to 6.0 p.m. Monday to Friday (telephone: 152). Emergencies during the weekend routed through the Ambulance Station.

#### (ii) *Care of Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Children under School age*

#### (iii) *District Nurses (Midwives) and Health Visitors.*

#### (iv) *Home Help Service*

The service is of great assistance in avoiding hospitalisation for elderly persons. Area Organisers are always on the lookout for staff to cope with increasing requests for a Home Help.

#### (v) *Infant Welfare Centres*

Sessions are held at the East Sussex County Clinic, London Road, Bexhill-on-Sea.

#### (vi) *Immunisation and Vaccination Service*

Clinics are attended by your Medical Officer of Health, on the first Wednesday in each month, at the East Sussex County Clinic, London Road, Bexhill-on-Sea. In addition sessions are held periodically at schools.

B.C.G. vaccination sessions against tuberculosis are held at schools for children aged 13 years attended by an Assistant County Medical Officer.

*(vii) Welfare service*

Mr. R. F. Bryce, District Welfare Officer, 10 Buckhurst Road, Bexhill-on-Sea (telephone: Bexhill 6534).

*(viii) Mental Health Service*

Mental Welfare Officers are available at the following addresses:—

Mr. J. G. Williams, Maple End, Maple Walk, Cooden (Tel: Cooden 2469).

Mr. H. C. Beecroft, 22 Cavendish Avenue, St. Leonards-on-Sea, (Tel: Hastings 6742).

Mrs. R. V. Lee, 34 Sackville Road, Bexhill-on-Sea (Tel: Bexhill 981).

The Mental Welfare Officer on duty outside office hours, i.e. 5.0 p.m., may be contacted through Hellingly Hospital (Tel: Hellingly 391).

The Bexhill Area Office is at 54 Sea Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, and the Officers normally are there between 8.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m., although the office is manned until 5.0 p.m. (Tel: Bexhill 7071).

*(ix) School Dental Service**(x) Registration of Nursing Homes**(xi) School Medical Service (routine medical examinations, and assessment of handicapped pupils)*

These are delegated duties to your Medical Officer of Health, who also acts as School Medical Officer.

**(B) HOMES FOR THE AGED, PROVIDED BY THE EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

St. Bridget's, St. John's Road, Bexhill

Haldane House, Cooden Drive, Bexhill,



## (C) HOSPITALS

The main hospitals providing accommodation and treatment for residents in Bexhill:

Bexhill Hospital.

Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings (including V.D. Clinic).

Mount Pleasant Hospital, Hastings.

St. Helen's Hospital, Hastings.

Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Eversfield Chest Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Hellingly Hospital, Hellingly.

Pembury Hospital, Pembury.

Administered by the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board through their respective Hospital Management Committees.

## (D) PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

The Public Health Laboratory Service is a free national laboratory service designed to assist all those concerned in the diagnosis, prevention and control of communicable diseases. The benefits are not limited by health authority, hospital region or other administrative boundary. These facilities are available to all doctors, both for the submission of specimens and for consultation.

Gamma globulin, prepared from pooled plasma from normal healthy adults by the Lister Institute for the Ministry of Health, is distributed to doctors in England and Wales through laboratories of the Public Health Laboratory Service. Requests for supplies, which are restricted, should be made personally to Doctor J. E. Jameson, Director, Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (Telephone Brighton 63506).

## (E) NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

- (i) *Section 47: Removal to Suitable Premises of Persons in Need of Care and Attention.*

It was not found necessary to take action under this section during the year.

- (ii) *Section 50: Burial or Cremation of the Dead*

No action was required during the year.

## (F) HOME PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICE

The Home Physiotherapy Service continues to provide qualified physiotherapists with completely equipped vans for treatment of the incapacitated.

This charitable service is fully employed and much appreciated by patients who are accepted for treatment on referral by a hospital consultant or general practitioner.

## (G) NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN

Telephone Hastings 1848.

## (H) FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Designed to advise married people on the spacing and limitation of families, including involuntary sterility and minor gynaecological ailments.

Clinics are held at the East Sussex County Clinic, London Road, Bexhill, on the first and third Mondays in each month during the evening, by appointment.

## (I) MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL

Problems related to marital relationships. For appointments telephone Bexhill 3380.

The Catholic Marriage Advisory Council, 84 Queen's Road, Brighton (Telephone Brighton 25261).

## (J) EASTERN AREA CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

This Committee is composed of representatives from National, Local Government and voluntary bodies, covering the Local Authority areas of Battle and Hailsham Rural Districts, and the Boroughs of Rye and Bexhill, by arrangement with the Children's Department, East Sussex County Council.

It is concerned with the care of children in families where conditions may be adverse.

Your Medical Officer of Health is a member of this Committee which meets at Bexhill Town Hall.

## (K) MEALS ON WHEELS

This scheme is administered by the W.R.V.S.,

## CLINICS

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Child Guidance	Child Guidance Welfare Foods 2-4.30 p.m.	Family Planning 1st and 3rd by appt.
Tuesday	Speech Therapy Toddler 1st & 3rd Cytology 2nd & 4th	Relaxation	Mothers Club Alternate weeks 8 p.m
Wednesday	School Clinic and Medical Examinations	Immunisation 1st Toddler 2nd Ante Natal 3rd Toddler 4th & 5th	Cytology 2nd & 4th
Thursday	Child Guidance Welfare Foods 9-12.30	Baby Clinic Welfare Foods 2-4.30 p.m.	
Friday		Speech Therapy Ante Natal 1st Cytology 3rd & 4th	
Daily	Minor Ailments 9-10 Dental—by appt. Eye Clinic—by arrangement		

I am obliged to Mr. H. J. Sargent, the Borough Meteorologist, who has supplied the following report and tables:

### METEOROLOGICAL REPORT FOR 1967

Meteorological observations were carried on throughout the year 1967. Detailed monthly and other reports were transmitted to the Meteorological Office, and information was supplied to the Press, to insurance offices, local municipal departments and to many enquirers. Monthly climatological reports were also forwarded to the Sussex River Authority.

With a total rainfall of 33.07 ins. (4.28 ins. in excess of the normal) the year 1967 was very wet, and in this respect resembled its predecessor, 1966, when the rainfall measured 33.64 ins. For seven months of the year precipitation was appreciably above normal. The wettest month was October with a fall of 5.35 ins. (normal 1.68 ins.), and September had a fall of 4.15 ins. (normal 1.87 ins.), February and May each had excesses of nearly one inch in relation to their averages. Two spells of dry weather occurred in the summer, 24 consecutive rainless days from 30th May until 22nd June, and another 26 days from 26th June until 21st July.

While 1967 resembled the previous year in precipitation its duration of sunshine, 1,839 hours, exceeded that of 1956 by nearly 300 hours. It was the sunniest year since 1959.

The first two weeks of January were cold, air and ground frost occurring on most days, but there was only one very light fall of snow. February and March were mild with mean temperatures above the normal and relatively few ground frosts. During these two months air temperatures of 32 degrees or below were recorded only on seven occasions.

The heaviest December fall of snow recorded locally occurred on the 8th of the month. Drifts and icy conditions brought traffic and other services to a standstill and at night the temperature fell to 15 degrees. It was the coldest night for nine years.

A few notably warm days occurred in the middle of June but there was a prevalence of cold winds from the N-W sector. July was dry, sunny and warm, with temperatures exceeding 70 degrees on 12 days and on one occasion reaching 78 degrees, the highest for the year. There was a pleasantly warm spell at the end of August.

There was a frequency of strong winds and gales, mainly from the S-W sector during the year. Boisterous, wet conditions with four days of gales occurred during the second half of February. March fully maintained its reputation as a windy month with fresh to strong winds, and there were gales on three successive days. Cold breezes were a feature of April, and fresh to strong winds occurred in the latter part of May. Bexhill shared in the stormy weather which prevailed over the greater part of the country during the first four days of October, and considerable damage to sea-defence works resulted. Fresh to strong winds with further gales occurred towards the end of the month and extended into the first few days of November,

The accompanying tables give details of precipitation, sunshine, temperatures and other items; in addition, full statistics regarding barometric pressure, winds, humidity, vapour pressure, dew-point, clouds, visibility and other meteorological factors, with notes on general weather conditions throughout the year are available for reference.

TABLE 1

BEXHILL 1967

Month	Rainfall					Sunshine				
	Total in.	Most in a day	Date	Total hrs.	Daily Mean	Frequency—No. of days in each month Duration in hours				
						0	0.1–3.0	3.1–6.0	6.1–9.0	9.1+
J	2.18	0.57	25	75.1	2.42	9	11	6	5	0
F	2.80	1.12	27	91.4	3.26	7	6	9	6	0
M	1.85	0.62	12	166.1	5.35	3	5	10	7	6
A	2.28	0.89	9	191.0	6.36	2	4	7	6	11
M	2.80	0.31	13	194.2	6.26	4	3	7	7	10
J	2.44	1.25	25	237.0	7.90	0	5	7	3	15
Jy	0.71	0.29	22	278.3	8.97	0	2	5	6	18
A	2.67	0.90	15	209.6	6.76	4	4	6	5	12
S	4.15	0.70	14	131.1	4.37	2	12	7	5	4
O	5.35	0.78	30	115.6	3.72	4	11	6	10	0
N	3.17	1.35	3	86.2	2.87	8	8	9	5	0
D	2.67	0.69	18	63.6	2.05	9	14	4	4	0
Total	33.07	—	—	1839.2	5.02	52	85	83	69	76

TABLE 2

BEXHILL 1967

## Temperatures

Month	Max.	Min.	Mean	Highest Max.	Date	Lowest Min.	Date	Earth lft
J	44.5	36.5	40.5	51	29, 31	25	9	40.8
F	47.5	38.6	43.0	53	20	28	7	42.9
M	51.1	40.4	45.7	58	19	32	30	46.0
A	52.9	40.5	47.7	60	5	29	1	49.3
M	57.7	48.4	53.0	71	10	31	3	55.5
J	63.0	51.6	57.3	73	14	43	9	61.8
Jy	68.6	57.4	63.5	78	12	49	9	66.5
A	67.0	56.3	61.6	74	1	46	5	64.6
S	63.8	54.5	59.1	69	26	46	79	61.0
O	59.1	50.4	54.7	65	6	37	18	56.7
N	50.0	39.0	44.5	57	11	28	27	46.9
D	45.1	35.2	40.1	53	23	15	9	42.3
Mean	55.8	45.7	50.8	—	—	—	—	52.8

TABLE 3

BEXHILL 1967

Weather

No. of days

Precipitation										
Month	0.01 in. or more	0.04 in. or more	Snow or Sleet	Snow lying at 09.00	Hail	Thun- der	Fog	Air frost	Ground frost	Gale
J	14	11	1	0	1	0	0	9	4	0
F	13	10	0	0	1	0	3	6	9	4
M	12	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	3
A	10	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0
M	21	18	0	0	0	4	0	1	2	1
J	4	4	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0
Jy	6	5	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
A	12	9	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0
S	19	16	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2
O	19	17	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4
N	13	10	0	0	1	1	4	1	6	2
D	15	13	3	4	0	0	7	13	14	0
	158	130	4	4	4	14	28	31	53	16



# Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector

MR. MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for 1967.

The year was one of continued progress, especially in regard to the inspection of offices and shops where a large amount of work was successfully completed.

The year was notable for the first retirement of an Officer in the Department for more than 20 years when the General Assistant, Mr. G. Chalmers, retired after nearly 40 years' service with the Council including 19 years in the Health Department. Mr. Chalmers was a very efficient and capable officer and it is sad to record that he only lived nine months after retirement.

## HOUSING

Closing Orders and Demolition Orders were made in respect of a number of houses and basements and routine inspections continued.

## HOUSING GRANTS

Eleven Grants were made by the Borough Council in respect of owner-occupied properties.

## CESSPOOLS

Continued progress in abolishing cesspools was maintained both at Pebsham and Normans Bay.

## CLEAN AIR ACT

The Gas Works and Brickworks were kept under observation and any complaints referred to the Alkali Inspector who is responsible for the supervision of these premises.

After many years of activity, the Ashdown Road Gasworks were closed during the year.

Whilst a small number of complaints regarding these Works was received from time to time, they were remarkably few in view of the close proximity of dwellinghouses.



## FOOD HYGIENE

No. of visits made to Food Premises in the Borough ..	3,105
No. of Notices served under the Food Hygiene Regulations ..	9
No. of Notices complied with .. .. .	9

Details of items remedied are appended below:

Walls and ceilings cleansed and repaired .. .. .	8
Floors cleansed .. .. .	3
Walls provided with non-absorbent surface .. .. .	1
Non-absorbent floor covering provided .. .. .	1
Non-absorbent table top provided .. .. .	2
Provide accommodation for storage of clothes .. .. .	2
Notice requiring washing of hands .. .. .	2
Provide soap, towels and nailbrushes .. .. .	3
Provide new sink with hot and cold water .. .. .	1
Provide hood to water heater .. .. .	1
Provide hot water .. .. .	2
Insufficient ventilation .. .. .	1
Dirty W.C. pedestal .. .. .	1
Accumulation of rubbish .. .. .	4
Provide refuse bins .. .. .	5
Dirty yard .. .. .	1
Miscellaneous .. .. .	4

Generally the cafes and other food premises were well maintained and hygiene standards continued to improve but this was only due to regular routine inspections.

## ICE CREAM

77 samples were submitted for examination with the following results:

Grade 1: 63; Grade 2: 14; Grade 3: —; Grade 4: —.

Four samples of ice cream were taken in order to ascertain the quality of the product, which is based on a Fat Content Standard of 5%. All samples were found to be satisfactory.

Once again the sampling results were satisfactory and show continued care on the part of manufacturers.

## MILK

Eleven samples were taken for biological examination and appropriate action taken where necessary. The Brighton Laboratory once again proved to be accurate and helpful and it is comforting to know that these experts are at our service.

## UN SOUND FOOD

Details are given below of meat and other foods surrendered as being unfit for human consumption:—

	<i>lb.</i>	<i>oz.</i>
Meat .. .. .	56	0
Tinned meat .. .. .	146	3
Fish .. .. .	26	0
Tinned Fish .. .. .	5	15½
Bacon and Ham .. .. .	32	5
Miscellaneous tinned goods .. .. .	199	7
Miscellaneous foods .. .. .	55	6
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Disposed of for animal feeding and manufacturing purposes .. .. .	521	4½
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## NOISE ABATEMENT

A number of complaints was dealt with.

## PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

### *Summary of Accommodation:*

Marina .. .. .	Male and Female
East Parade .. .. .	Male and Female
West Parade .. .. .	Male and Female
Egerton Park (Museum) .. .. .	Male and Female
Cooden Beach .. .. .	Male and Female
Sidley .. .. .	Male and Female
Devonshire Square .. .. .	Male and Female
Little Common .. .. .	Male and Female
Little Common Recreation Ground.. .. .	Male and Female
Downs Arch .. .. .	Male and Female
Glyne Gap .. .. .	Male and Female
Buckhurst Place .. .. .	Female only
Sackville Arch .. .. .	Male only

These received close attention from the officers of the Department and complaints were few.

## CARAVAN AND TENTED SITES

There are 20 licensed sites giving accommodation for 428 caravans and 100 tents.

The new sanitary block on the Central Site, Normans Bay, was completed and is a very important addition to the amenities of this site. The sites were properly controlled and complaints were very few in number.

## WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

The varied work of the department is reflected in the itemised details set out below:

Housing inspection, P.H.A.	..	..	..	..	..	716
Visits re above	..	..	..	..	..	1,498
Housing inspection, H.A.	..	..	..	..	..	93
Visits re above	..	..	..	..	..	341
Housing Survey	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rent Act, 1957	..	..	..	..	..	3
Water supply	...	...	...	...	...	141
Water Samples procured :						
Sea Water	...	...	...	...	...	19
Main Supply	...	...	...	...	...	12
Swimming Bath	...	...	...	...	...	18
Clean Air Act 1956	..	..	..	..	..	45
Smoke Observations	...	...	...	...	...	58
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	9
Caravan and Tented Sites	..	..	..	..	..	172
Offensive trades	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rag and Bone Dealers	..	..	..	..	..	10
Stables and/or piggeries	...	...	...	...	...	29
Poultry/Rabbit keeping	...	...	...	...	...	7
Factories—mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	292
Factories—non mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	37
Workplaces—General	..	..	..	..	..	20
Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	4
Shops Acts, 1950	...	...	...	...	...	669
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises	..	..	..	..	..	1,285
Public conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	620
Theatres, cinemas	...	...	...	...	...	9
Drainage—general	...	...	...	...	...	591
Drainage—testing by :						
(a) Smoke	...	...	...	...	...	21
(b) Water	...	...	...	...	...	18
(c) Colour	...	...	...	...	...	4
Cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	322
Other sanitary visits	...	...	...	...	...	717
Dustbins/Ashes receptacles	...	...	...	...	...	93
Works in progress	...	...	...	...	...	151
Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	369

Pet Animals Act, 1951	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Heating Appl. (Fireguards)	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	263
Butchers' shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	403
Fried fish shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Fishmongers & Poulterers	..	..	..	..	..	..	284
Greengrocers and fruiterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	435
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	675
Licensed premises	...	..	...	...	...	...	222
Dairies and milkshops	...	..	...	...	..	...	116
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Ice cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	301
Ice cream sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	69
Milk sampling—							
Biological	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Food preparing premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	416
Cafes	...	...	...	...	..	...	341
Food and Drugs Act (Regist.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Other food visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	527
Infectious Disease and disinfection	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Disinfestation, general	...	...	...	...	...	...	75
Disinfestation—bugs, fleas etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Rats and mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,080
Pigeons	..	..	..	..	..	..	157
Noise Abatement	..	..	..	..	..	..	125
Animal Boarding Establishments	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Riding Establishments	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

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## COMPLAINTS

1963	..	..	..	..	..	..	537
1964	..	..	..	..	..	..	346
1965	..	..	..	..	..	..	555
1966	..	..	..	..	..	..	668
1967	..	..	..	..	..	..	625

Condition of Premises	..	..	..	..	..	12
Dampness	..	..	..	..	..	48
Housing Defects	..	..	..	..	..	37
Drainage and Sanitary Fittings	..	..	..	..	..	58
Flooding	..	..	..	..	..	2
Absence of/or Defective Dustbins	..	..	..	..	..	6
Refuse Collection	..	..	..	..	..	11
Accumulation of Refuse	..	..	..	..	..	15
Overgrown Land	..	..	..	..	..	9
Bad Smells	..	..	..	..	..	21
Verminous Premises	..	..	..	..	..	5
Beetles, Ants, Flies, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	38
Keeping of Animals	..	..	..	..	..	4
Pigeons	..	..	..	..	..	11
Noise	..	..	..	..	..	14
Smoke and Fume Nuisance	..	..	..	..	..	19
Stoving and/or Disinfectant of Room/Articles	..	..	..	..	..	7
Water Supply	..	..	..	..	..	9
Food	..	..	..	..	..	55
Rabbits, Squirrels, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	7
Rats and Mice	..	..	..	..	..	199
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	38
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## SANITARY DEFECTS AND NOTICES

Statutory Notices served during 1967	..	..	..	..	9
Statutory Notices complied with during 1967	..	..	..	..	8
Statutory Notices outstanding at 31st December, 1967	..	..	..	..	4
Informal Notices served during 1967	..	..	..	..	129
Informal Notices complied with during 1967	..	..	..	..	136
Informal Notices outstanding at 31st December, 1967	..	..	..	..	26

## HOUSE INSPECTION AND SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS

27 houses as a result of informal action and 5 as a result of formal action were rendered fit. The following table show the sanitary improvements effected during the year:—

Drains repaired .. .. .	8
Soil pipes or vents removed .. .. .	2
Choked drains.. .. .	37
Choked waste pipes .. .. .	2
Cesspools emptied .. .. .	8
Defective or overflowing cesspool .. .. .	4
Defective rainwater pipes .. .. .	4
Defective eavesgutter .. .. .	7
New W.C. provided .. .. .	1
Defective W.C. flushing cistern .. .. .	1
Defective W.C. pedestal .. .. .	1
Defective plaster to walls .. .. .	11
Defective plaster to ceiling .. .. .	6
Dampness of walls .. .. .	33
Defective external walls .. .. .	4
Dampness of ceilings .. .. .	6
Dampness of chimney breast .. .. .	5
Dampness general .. .. .	2
Rising dampness .. .. .	8
Air bricks provided .. .. .	2
Walls lined with Polystyrene .. .. .	1
Dry rot .. .. .	1
Defective floors .. .. .	7
Defective roofs .. .. .	15
Defective and dangerous chimney stacks .. .. .	3
Defective fireplaces and grates .. .. .	1
Firegrate missing .. .. .	1
Defective chimney flues .. .. .	1

Defective cement rendering .. .. .	4
Defective skirting boards .. .. .	2
Defective doors and cupboards .. .. .	4
Absence of ventilated food store .. .. .	1
Defective saheses and frames .. .. .	13
Defective and badly fitting windows .. .. .	9
Defective steps .. .. .	2
Absence of or defective paved approach .. .. .	2
Dustbins provided .. .. .	45
Defective dust chute .. .. .	3
Accumulation of refuse/manure .. .. .	8
Miscellaneous .. .. .	6

### OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963 REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

	<i>Total No. of registered premises at end of year</i>	<i>No. of persons employed</i>	<i>No. of registered premises receiving general inspection during year</i>
Offices .. .. .	146	694	27
Shops (retail) .. .. .	318	1,201	22
Wholesale departments, warehouses .. .. .	9	149	—
Catering establishments, open to public, can- teens.. .. .	31	179	1
Fuel storage depots .. .. .	3	9	—
	507	2,232	50



SUMMARY OF ARTICLES DISINFECTED OR DESTROYED  
1967

Article	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Wearing Apparel ..	—	—	—	—	30	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	32
Bed Covers ..	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Mattresses ..	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Head Rests ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eiderdowns ..	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Bolsters ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pillows ..	—	—	8	—	—	—	7	—	—	2	—	—	17
Blankets ..	—	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Sheets ..	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Miscellaneous ..	—	—	—	—	9	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	10
Totals ..	—	—	8	6	55	—	10	—	—	2	—	—	81

## SUMMARY OF ROOMS DISINFECTED—1967

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Polionmyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chicken Pox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vermin ..	5	3	—	—	—	4	3	4	7	4	2	2	34
Totals ..	5	3	—	—	—	4	3	4	7	4	2	2	34

# FACTORIES ACT, 1961

## PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors):

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	13	37	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 enforced by the Local Authority ... ..	77	292	2	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority* (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	14	20	2	—
Total ... ..	104	349	4	—

\* Electrical Stations (Section 123 (1)), Institutions (Section 124), Sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Section 127), Slaughterhouses (Section 175 (1) (d) and (e)) and Railway Running Sheds (Section 175 (2) and 10).

## 2—Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases"):

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Number of Cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S.7):					
(a) Insufficient ...	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ... ..	1	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	1	1	—	—	—

## PART VIII OF THE ACT

## OUTWORK

(SECTIONS 133 and 134)

Nature of Work  (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of Out-Workers in August List Required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of Cases of Default in Sending List to the Council (3)	No. of Prosecutions for Failure to Supply Lists (4)	No. of Instances of Work in Unwholesome Premises (5)	Notices Served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing apparel } Making etc., cleaning and washing	2	—	—	—	—	—
Household linen ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lace, lace curtains and nets ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Curtains and furniture hangings ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Furniture and upholstery... ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electro-plate ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
File making ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brass and brass articles ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fur pulling ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iron and steel cables and chains ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iron and steel anchors and grapnels ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cart gear ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Locks, latches and keys ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Umbrellas, etc. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Artificial flowers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT—*continued*

Nature of Work  (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of Out-Workers in August List Required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of Cases of Default in Sending Lists to the Council (3)	No. of Prosecutions for Failure to Supply Lists (4)	No. of Instances of Work in Unwholesome Premises (5)	Notices Served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Nets, other than wire nets ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tents ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sacks ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Racquet and tennis balls ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paper bags ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brush making ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pea picking ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feather sorting ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carding, etc., of buttons, etc. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stuffed toys ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Basket making ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chocolates and sweetmeats ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cosaques, Christmas stockings, etc. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Textile weaving ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lampshades ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	2	—	—	—	—	—



## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

During the year 349 visits were paid to factories, workshops and workplaces. Four notices were served, which were complied with at the end of the year.

### DISINFESTATION, DISINFECTION AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Steam disinfection of bedding, clothing and other articles is carried out at the Disinfector Station at St. Mary's Lane. The disinfection and disinfestation of premises in the Borough together with the working of the disinfector constitutes a valuable service which is much appreciated.

No. of rooms fumigated	..	..	..	34
No. of articles disinfected or destroyed	..			81
No. of visits paid	..	..	..	96

### RODENT CONTROL

A total of 119 complaints were received and 1,080 visits were made to premises and land.

<i>No. of complaints</i>	<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total number of visits made</i>
1967	139	60	199	1,080
1966	105	60	225	1,227
1965	135	69	204	1,177
1964	157	71	228	1,248
1963	140	61	201	1,249

### Drainage and Sewerage

Maintenance and cleaning of sewers has received the usual attention. The provision of satisfactory drainage for the new properties has been carried out by the private developers in accordance with the approved plans.

### Rivers and Streams

Cleansing has been carried out of ditches and streams that are the Council's liability. Private landowners can contribute materially to the relief of flooding during storm times if they ensure that old water courses on their land are not destroyed and that all watercourses are kept free from obstruction.

### Public Cleansing

A satisfactory refuse collection service has been maintained on a weekly frequency.

## **Sanitary Inspection of the Area**

During 1967, 14,031 visits were paid by the Public Health Inspectors. The nature of the inspections, together with the list of notices served and the results of such notices, are included in this report.

## **Eradication of Vermin**

A total of 45 complaints was received in respect of premises infested with vermin—14 council premises and 13 private premises were disinfested. In other cases disinfestation powder and spray solutions were sold to householders to deal with minor infestations themselves.

It is interesting to observe that the bed bug has almost completely disappeared with the advent of DDT and soon there will be young Inspectors who have not seen this pest.

In connection with rehousing in Council houses, 124 visits were paid. Furniture and effects were inspected prior to rehousing.

## **Offensive Trades**

There are two premises in the area which come within the definition of offensive trades, i.e. two rag and bone dealers.

## **Fish Frying Premises**

There are three premises in the Borough where this trade is carried on. 19 visits were made during the year.

## **Refuse Tip**

All refuse is now taken to the Hastings Tip at Bulverhythe.

## **Sewers—Rat Infestation**

In view of the total absence of rats as shown by negative results of pre-baiting, exemption from pre-baiting has been granted until Spring 1968.

## **SHOPS AND OFFICES ACTS**

As stated at the beginning of this Report, excellent progress has been made in implementing this Act and many worth while improvements instituted.

## CONCLUSION

I am indebted to Dr. Butterfield for his constant encouragement and advice.

Once again I received every help from the District Inspectors and the office staff.

I have to thank my colleagues in the other Departments for their willing help which lightens my task.

I am happy to say that the Chairman and Members of the Committee gave me their constant support and for this I am grateful.

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